draft treaty differs from the earlier drety

(c) what is the reaction of Govern. ment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SO. LANKI): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) The proposed Treaty is still under negotiation with the Government of the Russian Federation.

Japanese Pressure for signing Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty

1643. SHRI M. S. GURUPADAS. WAMY.

DR. BAPU KALDATE;

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether during his recent visit the Japanese Foreign Minister had asked the Government of India to sign the Nuclear non-proliferation treaty failing which it would be difficult to Japanese Government to extend economic aid to India; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SO. LANKI): (a) and (b) During my visit to Japan in January 1932, the Foreign Minister of Japan expressed the hope that India would sigh the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), He never indicated any intention of the Japanese Government to stop economic assistance to India if India did not sign the NPT.

The Japanese Government was informed that India had not signed the NPT because that treaty is discrimin. atory and had not prevented the yer. i tieal proliferation of nuclear weap- i ons. It was emphasised that India had scrupulously adhered to its cons. istent policy of utilisation of nuclear technology for peace'ful purposes, and that India is not a nuclear-weapon state.

Pakistan Defence Budget

1644. SHRI CHIMANBHA! MEHTA-
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH; SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan defence budget is being strengthened through the help of certain Arab countries if so, the details thereof?

(b) whether it is also a fact that U. S, has stopped sending military hardwares and spares to Pakistan;

(c; whether it is a fact that in view of short supply from U. S. of key components. Pakistan has acquired replacements from other sources; and

(d) what are the implications of Miraj 2000 acquisition by Pakistan *vis-a-vis* Indian Air Force.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SO. LANKI); (a) Government have no information to this effect so far.

(b) Commercial sales *ot* spare parts and similar military items have been permitted by the US Government. However, US Government military issistanc'e to Pakistan remains suspended.

(c) There have been reports to this effect.

(d) No agreement has so far been concluded in this regard.